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Re: 10/679,534 clarification response and 1 month extension fee

To whom it may concern:

Subsequent to my conversation today, 11/16/2005, with examiner Mr. Lars Olson, I have attached check for $60.00 as payment for a one month filing extension. This patent is being filed in my personal name as an individual / small entity. Mr. Olson referred me to the USPTO web site to determine the fee amount. I have included the section I located on the USPTO web site:

(a) Extension fees pursuant to § **1.136**(a):
(1) For reply within first month:
By a small entity (§ **1.27**(a)) $60.00

I am late in responding due to business travel related to the hurricanes in New Orleans, LA and Orange, TX. I lived in both locations and worked as a project manager for several offshore oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico. My former employer requested I travel to Houston, TX. I was traveling for several weeks and am only now getting up to date. My company is a one man operation and I was traveling when the USPTO letter arrived. I do apologize for the delay.

The mailing date typed on the notice of non compliance is 09/19/2005. Mr. Olson stated that a one month extension was sufficient provided this response was mailed prior to 11/19/2005.

Attached is the original clarification filed on May 5, 2005 with and an amendment to include the patent claims on a separate sheet. The claims are identified as being *original* and *currently amended* as required.

Thank you,

Roger Guerard

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